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Land Records

Extent of wet and dry lands in Kontivada village.

*907 Q.—Mr. D. Narayana Raju: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the plan of the Kontivada village plan drawn in 1862 does indicate by appropriate markings the lands under wet cultivation and the lands under dry cultivation at the time of the survey in 1862;

(b) whether in 1894 a land register was prepared for Kontivada village making a detailed record of the mamul wet fields, bapat wet fields and dry fields recognized as such at that time;

(c) if the answers to (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, whether the present localization of mamul wet is in conformity with the above plan of 1862 and the land register of 1894; if not, what the reasons for the discrepancies are;

(d) what is the extent of fields, if any, which were registered as mamul wet in the land register of 1894 but are registered as bapat wet or dry in the present record of rights and what are the reasons for the divergence;

(e) what is the extent of fields, if any, which were registered as bapat wet or dry in the land register of 1894 but are registered as mamul wet in the present record of rights and what are the reasons for the divergence; and

(f) whether either the Public Works Department authorities or the Settlement Party have tried to ascertain the extent of old wet over and above the mamul wet area in Kontivada and the extent of wet land, if any, recently brought under wet cultivation; if so, what the results of their investigations are?

A.—The Government have not the information at present but are taking steps to obtain it.

Preparation of a record of rights in this Presidency.

*908 Q.—Mr. D. Narayana Raju: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) in what stage the proposal for the preparation of a record of rights in this Presidency is at present; and

(b) whether Government have under preparation any legislative measure to give effect to such a proposal?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 129 on 5th September 1928. The position is unchanged.

Land Revenue

Alleged deficiency of rain in Malabar.

*909 Q.—Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that many places in Malabar have seriously suffered on account of deficiency of rain this year;

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(b) whether such suffering has not become usual in Malabar for some years past; and

(c) whether the Government have done anything in the past or propose to do anything in future for irrigation in Malabar; if so, what?

A.—(a) The Government are not aware that many parts of the district have been seriously affected by deficiency of rain. They are aware that the rainfall from 1st April up to date is less than the average.

(b) No.

(c) Several projects were investigated in the past in the Malabar district and the preliminary reports on them were considered by the Government. The following schemes were abandoned either on financial or engineering considerations :—

(1) Kunduchira project.
(2) Anakkara irrigation scheme.
(3) Vandithodu irrigation scheme.
(4) Kilakancheri project.
(5) Malampuzha project.

Alleged failure of crops in Kollegal taluk.

*910 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government or the Board of Revenue have received reports from any of the local authorities about the complete failure of rainfall in Kollegal taluk of Coimbatore district;

(b) whether it is a fact that the people of that taluk are suffering very much for want of food grains and labour;

(c) whether memorials have been sent praying for the immediate construction of some irrigation works or the Sivasamudram bridge which may give some work to the people of the taluk;

(d) whether memorials have been received that the people of the taluk may be permitted to take bamboo, rice, aloe roots and edible greens from the reserved forests adjoining the villages;

(e) whether the Government have passed any orders in the matter and, if so, to what effect; and

(f) whether, if no reports or memorials have been received by the Government, they have any objection to call for an immediate report and authorize the local authorities to take all necessary steps to alleviate the sufferings of the people in the taluk?

A.—(a) The Collector reported on 16th October 1928 that the tanks in the Kollegal taluk had not received sufficient supplies this year during the south-west monsoon period but that they were receiving supplies after the rains in the first fortnight of October.

(b) The Government are not aware that the fact is as suggested.

(c) to (e) No such memorials have been received. A contract has been executed for the construction of the Sivasamudram bridge.

(f) The Government know of no reason why the course suggested should be adopted.